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Make Women's History With SACWN

Women's History Month Networking Party

Friday, March 16, 1990

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Terrace Room
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A fun program of lively enlightenment and non-threatening networking to bring us in like lions as we gather in pride.

Hors D'oeuvres 6:30 p.m.

No Host Bar

Program 7:15 p.m.

Centering on three main activities to inform about women in history and women making our own personal histories.

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An event for women 21 years and older.

Mark Your Calendar for April 20!

Roberta Achtenberg, lesbian political activist who is campaigning for a seat in the State Assembly, will be SACWN's special guest speaker on April 20!

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Successful SACWNite

Jayne Rountree, a past Board member of SACWN, has recently gone into business for herself and is now Rountree Real Estate specializing in real estate investments in the gay community. Rountree has helped many of our members purchase homes in the past and we wish her success in the future.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I wish to thank all the women who made the bridge marathon a success! As a novice bridge player I very much appreciated the generosity and care I received from my partners and coaches. I look forward to our next game!

Gail Mancarti

(Editor's Note: At our Holiday Party SACWN gave members the opportunity to contribute to Hope House. Members contributed $47.)

Dear Rosanna:

Thank you, and please express our appreciation to the Sacramento Area Career Women's Network for the contribution to Hope House. I'm sure that all had a great time at the "Holiday Party."

Four of our residents have died since I took over Cara's responsibilities in late September. We have four new residents. One of them has been a catalyst for getting the second floor residents together for kitchen cleaning. They're talking about making one of the rooms into a craft room. One wants to make a quilt for The Names Project in memory of his partner of nine years. Another paints, so we're hoping that he will resume this hobby which will get him out of his room and with others.

We're thinking about some kind of a Valentine's Day celebration. They all had a wonderful time at our Thanksgiving dinner.

Best wishes to all of you.

John. V. Moore
Director

Women's History Month at SCC

Courageous Voices Echoing In Our Lives:
"We're All In This Together"

The following events are free of charge and open to the community:

At CSUS

March 5 - ALTAZOR. Diverse cultural women's band. CSUS University Union, Redwood Room, 8 p.m. For information about other CSUS activities, call 278-7388.

March 8 - WOMEN IN THE MILITARY. Open forum discussion. 7 - 9 p.m., University Union, Senate Chambers.

At SCC

March 1 - KICK OFF RALLY AT STATE CAPITOL. State agencies and women's organizations will provide information on job opportunities, education, and community services. Special guests include women elected officials. Sponsored by the California Commission on the Status of Women - 12 - 1 p.m. 445-3173.

March 6 - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - Guest Speaker: Sandra Orozco, co-founder of WEAVE (Women Escaping A Violent Environment) - 12:10 - 1:25 p.m. - AJ4, Sacramento City College (SCC).

March 7 - IMAGES OF WOMEN: A CROSS-CULTURAL VIDEO FESTIVAL: "A Question of Silence" (Dutch). Three women on trial for the apparently random murder of a man. 7 - 9 p.m. - RN258.

March 8 - "ELIZABETH CADY STANTON ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS" - In commemoration of International Women's Day, Sally Roesch Wagner, Ph.D., nationally known Feminist Historian, Writer, and Performer, will present a dramatic portrayal of the life and work of the visionary and organizer behind the first Women's Rights Convention. 10:40 - 11:55 a.m. - RN258, SCC.

March 8 - "DAUGHTERS OF DAKOTA" - Lecture based on a 3-volume work edited by Dr. Sally Wagner, which represents the largest untapped collection of pioneer women's history in the nation. Native American, African, and European American women are represented. 1 - 2:25 p.m. - RN258, SCC.

March 8 - WOMEN'S HISTORY AWARDS - In recognition of Sacramento area women - Sacramento History Center, 7 - 9 p.m. For further information, call 449-2057.

March 11 - BLISTERS FOR SISTERS - Seventh Annual Camellia Festival 5K and 10K Fun-Run/Walk and Fund-raiser. Sponsored by and benefit for SCC ReEntry Services, Chemical Dependency Center for Women, Sacramento Women's Center, and The Birthing Project. **Pre-registration by March 1 is $15.** Prizes for most pledges. SCC and William Land Park -9 - 11 a.m. For further information, call 448-2951. Special guest: Council member Heather Fargo.

March 13 - ABORTION DEBATE - Representatives from the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the National Right to Life (NRL) movement will debate the politics of choice. 5:30 - 7 p.m. - RN228, SCC.

March 14 - VIDEO FESTIVAL: "The Ballad of Narayama" (Japanese). Set in Japan in the late 1800s, this film depicts a woman's struggle to keep her family alive. 7 - 9 p.m., RN258, SCC.

March 20 - WOMEN AND HEALTH: DE-MYSTIFYING WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE IN THE 1990s - Eileen Schnitger, Public Relations Director and Health Educator with the Feminist Women's Health Clinic, will present a lecture/slide show on concerns of the women's health movement. 12:10 - 1:25 p.m., AJ4, SCC.

March 21 - VIDEO FESTIVAL: "A Woman Under The Influence" (American). John Cassavetes' story of a woman who loved too much. 7 - 9 p.m., RN258, SCC.

March 24 - "BETWEEN US SIS'TUHS" - Sacramento Black Women's Network will host an all day conference for personal and professional development. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., SCC College Center. For further information, contact Maxine Phillips at 449-7396.

March 26 - ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING FOR MEN AND WOMEN - Learn alternatives to anger, frustration, and passivity through a new assertiveness that is neither abrasive or offensive to others. Noon - 1 p.m., B238, SCC.

March 27 - REENTRY STUDENTS AS CONSUMERS - Over half of SCC's popularion return to school after an abasence. This presentation will provide insights into the characteristics of reentry students and their diverse approaches to acquiring an education. 12:10 - 1:25 p.m., AJ4, SCC.

March 28 - VIDEO FESTIVAL: "She's Gotta Have It" (American Black) - A film dealing with a woman who is not naturally monogamous; "Jules and Jim" (French) - Who is this woman beloved by both Jules and Jim?; "The Hour of The Star' (Brazilian) - Sad, tender, and funny film about a woman living near the bottom of Brazilian society; and "Dreams of Flying" (American Hispanic) - Story of a young Hispanic woman overcoming obstacles to working out her future. Viewer discretion advised. 6 - 11 p.m., RN258, SCC.

March 29 - "WOMENTORING" - Valuable insights into mentoring and how it benefits women. A panel will discuss the impact mentoring has had on their life choices -personal, academic and career. Welcome: Dr. Marjorie Blaha, Chancellor, Los Rios Community College District. 12:00 -1:30 p.m., RN258, SCC.

For more information, call 449-7534.

GLAAD Organizing Here

On March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Lambda Center an ad hoc committee will meet to talk about possible formation of a GLAAD chapter in Sacramento. GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) is active in media issues and monitors radio, television and print as well as other forms of media. GLAAD is formed as a co-equal organization and wants women and people of color in leadership roles. SACWN member Tammy Smith is currently acting co-chair of the ad hoc group.

Ballroom & Western Dance Classes Set

Local dance artist, instructor and *MGW* columnist, John Batchelor, is offering a new dance series in March for lesbians and gay men. Batchelor will set up an additional class for women only, if there is sufficient interest.

Participants will be able to learn and review such dances as the foxtrot, waltz, swing and 2-Step. A bonus line dance, the "Tush Push" will also be presented.

For further information or to sign up for a class, call Batchelor at 453-8991.

Ballroom & Western Dance Classes
Tuesdays or Fridays
Starting March 20 at 6:30 p.m.
OR March 23 at 5:45 p.m.
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Cassese Named Program Coordinator

As we enter March the Steering Committee is pleased to announce that Joanna Cassese has been selected to fill the Program Coordinator position. Joanna was chosen because of her vast experience and skills in planning and organizing events. She will be joined by Remy Ceci who will be her Associate.

If you have suggestions or ideas for potential programs, please contact Joanna or Remy. The Steering Committee welcomes the ideas and enthusiasm these two women will bring to SACWN.

Rosanna Herber

Corporate Coordinator's Report

At our February Steering Committee meeting we were 10 strong with the addition of Joanna Cassese as Program Coordinator. Her appointment will fill a real need for this important position for SACWN — please let her hear your program ideas.

We had considerable discussion about the ongoing dilemma of what to do when we run out of seating room at events. Part of the problem is finding affordable, large enough facilities. Another aspect is that *many* people don't pre-register for events, so we never know if 100 or more people will show up at the last minute. Sometimes the facility can't quickly set up enough tables to accommodate everyone. This sometimes leads to turning people away at the door, which no one likes, and sometimes second-guessing people who pre-registered but haven't shown up well into the event, giving their seats to someone else. Then, if they show up later and want their seats, we have a double problem.

We're going to try some things next month, and reevaluate how to handle this situation. Feel free to contribute any suggestions you have to any Steering Committee member.

Finally, we agreed to let members of groups which belong to the ALLOW (Alliance of Lesbian Organizations for Women) network in the Bay Area advertise in our newsletter at SACWN member rates. Remember, this reciprocity in prices applies to you, too. As a member of SACWN, you get the member price at BACW events or publications, as well as SCWU (Southern California), Phoenix, Seattle, Alaska and other groups that belong to ALLOW. If you're travelling to any of these places, plan ahead and call the SACWN office for the local contact person, so you can check out their groups during your visit.

That's all for now — hope you're enjoying the snow!

Rosy Metrailer

Political Groups Work For Women

CAP PAC

Have you heard the voice of political power called CAP PAC? CAP PAC stands for the "California Capital Political Action Committee" and its mission is to provide a voice for the lesbian and gay communities in the mainstream political process.

As a political action committee, CAP PAC speaks through its financial contributions to candidates for political office. Unlike political clubs, CAP PAC is not involved in walking precincts or running phone banks. Instead, CAP PAC focuses on raising money and giving that money to candidates willing to protect the civil rights of lesbian and gay people.

CAP PAC's board is made up of an equal number of men and women. Efforts also have been made to equally represent Democrats and Republicans on the board. The belief is that our common experience as lesbian and gay people cross the lines of gender and political parties. For our civil rights to remain safe in the future, we all need to work together to insure that the voices of our communities are not silenced or ignored by elected officials.

SACWN is well-represented on the CAP PAC board by SACWN members Candace Blase, Rosanna Herber and Jayne Rountree. Other SACWN members who were on the Council of Founders of CAP PAC include Linda Birner, Rosemary Metrailer, Shireen Miles and Carole Nutt.

CAP PAC's plan for the 1990s include:

— Increasing the political power and influence of the gay community.

— Electing lesbians, gay men, and supportive non-gay people to public office at all levels.

— Educating the public concerning the issues affecting gay and lesbian people and, particularly, the importance of recognizing their contributions to society.

You can be a part of working towards CAP PAC's goals by contributing money and time to the organization. Consider adding your voice to a growing number of people who emphatically state that the development and protection of the civil rights of lesbian and gay people is essential to our future.

CAP PAC can be reached at (916) 736-2722 or 1008 10th Street, Suite 255, Sacramento 95814.

Rosanna Herber

Self Defense Course Offered

The Women's Self-Defense class being formed by CSUS instructor Midge Morino still has room for more participants. The three- to four-hour training includes psychological preparation and "hands on" instruction and will cost $15 to $20 per person.

To sign up, please call Judy Ludwick at 428-2806 as soon as possible.

RCDC

By Karl Greene, President

Most of the gains that lesbians and gay men have won in recent years have been won in the political arena. Each new law protecting us resulted from wars fought by courageous lesbian and gay leaders. Those wars are not over.

Moralistic conservatives are hard at work eroding the rights we struggled so hard to win. They will meet at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Sacramento in mid-March as part of their national campaign to stamp out homosexuality and "promote the heterosexual ethic."

As a result of this new and energetic conservative effort, we can't relax. We must participate in politics to protect our rights.

The organization for lesbian and gay political action in Sacramento is the River City Democratic Club (RCDC). The club's new officers are determined to represent the needs and interests of the lesbian and gay community by finding out what those needs and interests are.

Consistent with this intent, RCDC extends three invitations to all SACWN members:

★ An Open Forum, "Talk With Us," is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Attic (formerly Partners) at 24th Street and 2nd Avenue near DMV headquarters. A delicious lunch will be served at no charge to everyone who attends. The purpose of this Forum is to find out what YOU think RCDC ought to be doing. This Open Forum is for all lesbians and gay men in Sacramento who have suggestions about future directions for RCDC.

★ Join the club! WE WANT MORE WOMEN MEMBERS! Annual dues are $20 per person, with lower rates for couples and students.

★ Every lesbian and gay organization in the Sacramento area, including SACWN, is encouraged to develop a liaison with RCDC. Through networking we will be able to help each other.

SACWN members Barbara Disney and Judy Ludwick serve as RCDC Women's Issues Committee Chair and Community Liaison Co-Chair, respectively.

The seven-year-old Club has worked in the election campaigns of city council members, county supervisors, state assembly members and state senators. The Club regularly examines candidates for office and assists them with campaign funds and precinct work.

For more information about RCDC and the Forum, contact Karl Greene at (916) 927-2029 (home), 922-6640 (work); or Bil Gingrich, Open Forum Reservations, at (916) 927-2029.

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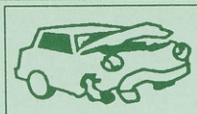
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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

Join us for fun, food and games. The Bridge Club is growing by aces and hearts. The Bridge marathon was a huge success and we will plan another one soon. The March 9 game will be at Joyce and Lydia's; the March 23 game will be hosted by Thais. We will also have lessons for beginners TBA. If you have questions, call Joyce, 1-676-4317.

GOLF

For women interested in participating in the organization of the 1990 swinging season, call Melody at 392-3609 for the location of the March 23 meeting at 6:30, to plan our season to start up in April.

SINGLES ONLY

By the time you read this, a meeting will have been held to plan future events. Call Cheryl for info, 452-1687.

ACA/DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

Let's play 7 questions. What is as common as the ordinary housefly, as deadly as a black widow, as contagious as the black plague? It can be invisible; it can disappear or reappear in the human psyche in 7 different forms, and it begins with a "D". Give up? Oh, don't give up. Just bring your fly swatter, can of Raid, antibiotics, and your 3-D glasses to the March meetings and find out what it is. The meetings are March 1, 15, and the 29. Call Sharon, 454-6056.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

The wild women of the outdoor rec group are going whale watching. The outdoor rec group plans to go to Pt. Reyes on March 24 for the day to have a picnic and watch a few whales. If you'd like to join us, call Ellen at 441-7962.

SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN

Self-employed women will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30. Our topic will be writing successful ads and advertising. Bring your ideas and experiences to share. Call Aeriel, 452-5503.

METAPHYSICS AND SPIRITUALITY

Call Karen, 452-3091.

LESBIAN MOTHERS AND KIDS

We'd like your input. Surveys are being sent around. Please respond. If you wish to receive a survey, call Madlyn, 487-2726.

BOOK GROUP

Talk about the luck of the Irish. We will need more than that if *The Handmaiden's Tale* comes to pass. Have you read Margaret Atwood's dark tale of the future? It is the book group's selection for this month. *The Handmaiden's Tale* has been favorably compared to *Brave New World* and *1984.* Come and hear what all the fuss is about, or better yet, join in the fussing. The book group meets Sunday, March 18. Call Gretchen, 922-6287.

LATE BLOOMING LESBIANS

Hey! All you stressed out late bloomers, come to Sue's house on March 17 at 4 p.m. and relax in her hot tub. Bring your favorite finger food hors d'oeuvres and we'll play games, watch movies, or just talk. Call for directions. We have decided to have two support group meetings this month: one on Tuesday, 6, and one Wednesday, 21. Call Debbie at 988-0719. Please leave a message and I will call you back.

RELATIONSHIP ADDICTION

ADDICTION! Cigarettes? No. Booze? No. Drugs? No. Relationships? Well, I do kinda need to be in one all the time. We have a support group for relationship addiction that meets two Thursdays a month. Call Judie for more info, 973-1141.

CULTURE CLUB

Webster's describes culture as the refinement of thought, emotion, manners, skills, and arts of a given people in a given period. Join us as we refine and define Sacramento's lesbian culture in the '90s. Who we are, how we live and the things we love to do: movies, concerts, plays, trips, and much, much more. The Culture Club. Call Ann, 383-9257.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES GROUP

'Tis the time when -
Fish are a jumpin,
Breezes are a blowin'
Time to go a motorin'.

Clean up your RV
Fill up your water and gas
And join the ladies
For a good ol' fashioned blast!

Recreational Vehicles SIG. Jayne, 921-6642, facilitator.

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****** NEW GROUP ******

LESBIAN POLITICS

The safety of lesbians/gays in bars, organizations, events, at home and in the street; the Rev. Lou Sheldon and his Traditional Values Coalition; a statewide coalition on advancing and protecting the rights of lesbians and gays; activism, lobbying, discussion or an interest in learning about and sharing lesbian, gay, and feminist politics. This group is forming to fill the needs of SACWN members who have in interest in lesbian political issues. First meeting Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Mary, 395-0428.

So You Want to Start a Special Interest Group . . .

It's easy — here's what's to do:

1) Call me. Ellie, 967-0611 to discuss your idea. 2) I'll make you a sign-up sheet for the HUB. 3) I'll coach you on what's involved and be there if any problems arise.

Basic requirements are very few: * Call Kathy Mullen once a month with a newsletter "blurb." * Meet 3-4 times a year with other S.I.G. (Special Interest Group) facilitators to coordinate and problem-solve. * Call back prospective members for your group and facilitate events or meetings. You can use a committee or co-facilitator to assist you. * Announce at your meetings that SACWN SIG groups are for SACWN members only and provide membership brochures to potential new members.

For these basic few exceptions, you get a chance each month to win a SIGGY - a prize for the most creative "ad" for your group; to meet lots of SACWN members; leadership experience in a supportive environment; to contribute to SACWN and have a lot of fun doing so.

Several of our facilitators have volunteered to talk with prospective new facilitators so call Ellie for their names and phone numbers.

This month's SIGGY goes to Sharon of ACA/Dysfunctional Families. Sharon, your "ads" are consistently excellent! Last months' SIGGY was a 500-sheet note holder.

Ellie Zacks, S.I.G. Coordinator
Kathy Mullen, Associate

Plan Ahead For Earth Day

Earth Day 1990 will be held on April 22. The day will mark the beginning of a long-term commitment to building a safe, just, sustainable planet. The event will launch a "decade of the environment," emphasizing efficient use of renewable energy and recycled resources.

Check local media for information about area Earth Day observances, or contact Earth Day 1990, Box AA, Stanford University, CA 94309; (415) 321-1990.

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Lesbian Feminist Poet To Read Work

Adrienne Rich, international award-winning poet and longtime lesbian feminist activist will share her poetry at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14 at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Boulevard in Sacramento.

Rich, a winner of the National Book Award, has been called one of the most creative thinkers of our time. She is the author of 14 books of poetry and three prose books. She was 21 when she published her first book: *A Change of World* and received the Yale Younger Poets Award (1951). Rich is the recipient of the Guggenheim Fellowship, the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize for outstanding achievement in American Poetry, prizes from *Poetry* magazine and the Brandeis Creative Arts Commission Medal for Poetry. In 1981, Rich received the Fund for Human Dignity Award of the National Gay Task Force.

A professor of English and Feminist Studies at Stanford University, Rich has written on women's experiences and Jewish issues. Her works include: *Of Women Born* (1976); *On Lies, Secrets, and Silence* (1979); *Your Native Land, Your Life, Blood, Bread and Poetry* and her latest, *Times Power* (Poems, 1985-1988).

Rich is appearing in Sacramento as a benefit for New Jewish Agenda, a national organization of progressive Jews.

Admission is $7 in advance or $8 at the door; with a discounted rate of $5 for low-income people.

Tickets are available at Time-Tested Books, New Society Bookstore, the Lambda Community Center and Lioness Books and by mail from New Jewish Agenda at P.O. Box 163416, Sacramento, 95816.

For more information, call New Jewish Agenda at 448-4574.

Our Community Responds To TVC

By Marghe Richards

Hate crimes, violence against lesbians and gay men and a response to hatred and bigotry by the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) were the subjects of the newly-formed Town Council on January 30.

The Town Council is currently made up of 26 groups and/or agencies in the community, each of which sent two representatives to the Council. Council membership is open to all lesbian and gay organizations which come together to network about community problems and activities and take action on these items. Currently, the Council is co-chaired by Reverends Jerry Sloan and Frieda Smith. SACWN is represented at the Council by members Mary and Tammy Smith.

The Council formed a "Rally Committee" to respond to the the upcoming TVC "hate-and-legislate-against-homosexuals" seminar to be held by right-wing religious fundamentalists at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Sacramento on March 13. Tammy and Mary Smith are on that committee.

Plans have been made to have a Candlelight Vigil at 6 p.m. on March 12 to wend its way from the 13th and K gathering point, pass in front of the Hyatt, go to City Hall and then across to Plaza Park where a group of distinguished speakers will address the crowd. Day-long activities are planned for March 13 — from passing out pamphlets and flyers, to public speaking, entertainment and picketing. The gathering place at 13th and K will again be used and picketers will walk in front of the Hyatt and listen to another roster of speakers who will address the issues of hatred and bigotry. (For instance, Linda Joplin, State Coordinator for N.O.W. has agreed to speak at both events!)

Volunteers are needed to march at the Candlelight Vigil and at the next day's rally (when picketing will start at 11:30 a.m. and continue until evening); to provide funds for printing; to make posters and picket signs and to do the million and one things needed to make a successful serious protest against these assaults on the lesbian and gay community by TVC and their leader, Rev. Lou Sheldon.

Hopefully, the committee will be able to obtain a proclamation from Mayor Ann Rudin or a resolution from the City Council which will state in no uncertain terms that hate groups are not welcome in Sacramento.

To volunteer or to donate money for the committee, please call The Lambda Center at 442-0185.

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